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FOLLOWING BUCHAREST 3262 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BELGRADE
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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. MOST CONCISE AND AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF PRE-
VAILING ROMANIAN ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE WHICH
WE HAVE SEEN WAS PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DURING
AN INTERVIEW GRANTED TO JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE OF
"MAINICHI" PRESS GROUP ON APRIL 29, BUT ONLY PUBLISHED
IN SCINTEIA ON MAY 2.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO HIS OPINION ON CURRENT
INTERNATIONAL DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CEAUSESCU AGREED
PROBLEM WAS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE AND THEN PROCEEDED
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TO DEFINE IT IN HIS OWN WAY, PLACING EMPHASIS ON
ABOLITION OF EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION, EQUITABLE
INCOME DISTRIBUTION, GUARANTEE OF RIGHT TO WORK AND
RENUMERATION RELATED TO A PERSON'S QUALIFICATIONS.
HE ALSO CITED BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR ALL AND
ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MASSES IN PUBLIC AND STATE
AFFAIRS AS A NECESSARY ELEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. CEAUSESCU THEN NOTED THAT IN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DEBATE "SOME" NOW EMPHASIZE "CERTAIN FORMAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IGNORING FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS I HAVE MENTIONED." SUCH AN APPROACH IS INTENDED TO DIVERT PEOPLES' ATTENTION FROM LACK OF MAN'S FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND EXISTENCE OF SERIOUS SOCIAL ANOMALIES SUCH AS EXPLOITATION OF WORKING MASSES, FLAGRANT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INEQUITIES BETWEEN MAJORITIES AND MINORITIES, UNEMPLOYMENT AND NUMEROUS MATERIAL, SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL PRIVATIONS TO WHICH MANY ARE SUBJECTED. CEAUSESCU FINISHED BY COMMENTING THAT ATTEMPTS MADE BY "CERTAIN CIRCLES ABROAD" TO DISTORT ESSENCE OF PROBLEM IN ORDER COVER UP TRUTH OF THEIR OWN SOCIETY. EFFORTS TO DIRECT PROPAGANDA TOWARDS "FORMAL ASPECTS" OF MAN'S FREEDOM AND INCITEMENT OF EMIGRATION TO DEVELOPED STATES SERVE NEITHER CAUSE OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS NOR THAT OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND COLLABORATION.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THIS DOES NOT DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED IDEAS, IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT CEAUSESCU HAS DIRECTLY ADDRESSED HIMSELF IN PUBLIC TO THE PROBLEM OTHER THAN AS ONE ELEMENT IN A LENGTHY SPEECH. THAT HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO DO SO INDICATES CURRENT GOR CONCERN AND ANXIETY OVER ISSUE AND ITS DISRUPTIVE EFFECT NOT ONLY ON BELGRADE, BUT POSSIBLY ON U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE IS ALSO OF COURSE ATTEMPTING TO SHIFT FOCUS OF FORTHCOMING BASKET III LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEBATE AT BELGRADE TO AREAS WHERE GOR FEELS MORE SECURE.
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